

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008, 6:00 P.M., LAKE CITY BEAN  
MARKET MUSEUM, 111 HENRY STREET, LAKE CITY, SOUTH  
CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**

K. G. "Rusty" Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Waymon Mumford, Vice-Chairman  
H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain  
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member  
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member  
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member  
J. Ken Ard, Council Member  
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member  
James T. Schofield, Council Member  
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator  
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney  
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

William H. Hoge, Planning & Building Department Director  
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office  
Legrand Young, Buildings & Grounds Manager  
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer  
Adrel Langley, Lake City News & Post

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the October 15, 2008 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the agenda were faxed to members of the media and posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex, the Lake City Bean Market Museum, the Lower Florence County Public Services Building, the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library and on the County's website ([www.florenceco.org](http://www.florenceco.org)).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting and commended the family of the late Mr. Gene Moore and recognized his daughter, Darla Moore, for their vision and work at the Lake City Bean Market Museum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve the minutes of the September 18, 2008 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The Chairman opened public hearing for the following items and the Clerk published the titles:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2008/09**

An Ordinance To Revise Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions And Agencies Of The Florence County Code Regarding The Florence County Cultural Commission And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

### **PROPERTY AGREEMENT**

An Agreement For The Exchange Of Property, Said Agreement Being The Conveyance Of A Portion Of Property Owned By Florence County, Shown And Designated As Tax Map No. 00075-01-121, To Align Curb Cuts And To Provide Access To A Sewer Main, In Exchange For Property Owned By Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shown And Designated As A Portion Of Tax Map No. 00100-01-022, And To Authorize The County Administrator To Execute All Associated Documents.

## **APPEARANCES:**

### **STERLING SADLER, CHAIR – ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Sadler, on behalf of the Environmental Discovery Center Committee, appeared before Council to provide an update on the outstanding success of the Center located at the Lynches River County Park. Since the Center opened in late February, 2008, there have been 13,377 visitors to the Center. During the month of October, 2008, out of 16 days for school bookings, the Center had been booked solid with 12 schools. Visitors from 22 states and 3 foreign Countries visited the Center. Funding for the Center allowed for an expansion of the Tree Top Canopy Walk, scheduled to be completed early January. A southern forest enhancement has also been planned. There is no charge to visit the Center. The Center is one of only 45 buildings in South Carolina to be LEED Certified.

### **WILLIAM HOGE, PLANNING AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR – COUNTY/COMMUNITY AIR QUALITY OPTIONS REPORT**

Mr. Hoge presented specific options to improve air quality in Florence County and maintain compliance with ozone attainment levels established by Federal/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Air Quality Standards. Chairman Smith stated that if there were no objections, he would refer this matter to County Council's Committee on Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare. No objections were voiced.

### **JAMES TANNER, CHAIRMAN – VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Mr. Tanner updated Council on activities at the Voter Registration/Elections (VRE) Office related to the 2008 General Election. Members of Council expressed concerns regarding the VRE Office being prepared for the election. County Administrator Richard Starks confirmed that additional phones and computers were available to the VRE Office;

noting the actual limitations of available, trained staff on hand to field additional phone lines, and that funds were already available for additional temporary staff, etc. as VRE identified specific needs. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve up to \$25,000 additional funding from Contingency for the VRE Office if needed to prepare for the election. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Smith expressed appreciation for the work the Commission does on behalf of the citizens of Florence County.

#### **GEANIE DAUGHTRY – PEE DEE COALITION**

Councilmen Rodgers and Kirby requested Council allow Geanie Daughtry to speak. Mrs. Daughtry provided Council with information regarding the month of October being recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee Reports.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

##### **PRESENTATION TO LAKE CITY BEAN MARKET MUSEUM**

The Chairman announced that Council had previously approved the allocation of \$400,000 in the FY08 bond issuance to the Lake City Bean Market Museum to enhance the development of the Museum. Chairman Smith and Councilman Rodgers presented Mrs. Lorraine Moore and City Administrator Marion Lowder (both serve as Board members for the Museum) with a ceremonial check. Mr. Lowder expressed his appreciation for Council's support.

##### **PRESENTATION BY SENATOR JOHN YANCEY MCGILL**

Senator McGill recognized Chairman Smith and Vice Chairman Mumford for their service as Past Presidents of the South Carolina Association of Counties. He then, along with Representatives Lester Branham and Terry Alexander, presented Sam Brockington, Fire Chief, South Lynches Fire District, with a check in the amount of \$150,000 for the South Lynches Regional Fire Academy new training facility. Chief Brockington expressed appreciation to the Legislative Delegation and County Council for support of the project. Senator McGill recognized Commissioner Marvin Stevenson, Sixth District Highway Commissioner.

#### **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 06-2008/09 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 06-2008/09: An Ordinance To Adopt A New Economic Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 08-2008/09 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 08-2008/09: An Ordinance To Amend Section 30-4 Adoption Of Flood Hazard Area Maps, Section 30-61 General Development Standards, Section 30-62 Specific Development Standards, Section 30-264 Responsibility Of Administrative Official, Section 30-267 Certificates Of Zoning Compliance, And Section 30-311 Definitions Of Chapter 30 – Zoning Ordinance Of The Code Of Ordinances Of Florence County. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 09-2008/09 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 09-2008/09: An Ordinance To Amend Section 30-28 Table I: Schedule Of Permitted And Conditional Uses And Off-Street Parking Requirements For Residential Districts And Section 30-29 Table II: Schedule Of Permitted And Conditional Uses And Off-Street Parking Requirements For Business And Rural District Of Chapter 30 – Zoning Ordinance Of The Code Of Ordinances For Florence County For Provisions Of Libraries. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the public hearings for Ordinance No. 10-2008/09 and the Property Agreement.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2008/09 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 10-2008/09: An Ordinance To Revise Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Committees and Agencies of Florence County Code regarding the Florence County Cultural Commission and other matters related thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2008/09 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 11-2008/09 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not To Exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Howe Springs Fire District), Series 2008, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bond; Authorizing The County Administrator To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bond; Providing For The Payment Of The Bond And Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2008/09 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 12-2008/09 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Amending The Florence County Code To Remove Job Descriptions Maintained Officially In Human Resources, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

#### **FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Councilman Bradley recommended Mr. Teddy Green for appointment to the Florence County Planning Commission representing the Town of Quinby with the appropriate expiration date. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council re-appoint Kenneth Cooper to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals representing Council District 7 with the appropriate expiration date. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **JOHNSONVILLE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

Councilman Ard made a motion Council re-appoint David Hartfield to the Johnsonville Rural Fire District with the appropriate expiration date. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **HANNAH-SALEM-FRIENDFIELD FIRE DISTRICT**

Councilman Ard made a motion Council re-appoint Rev. Joe Cagle, Randolph Bazen, Ron Hart, W. Grant Stone and Lory E. Belflower to the Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire District with the appropriate expiration date. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

##### **PROPERTY AGREEMENT**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve An Agreement For The Exchange Of Property, Said Agreement Being The Conveyance Of A Portion Of Property Owned By Florence County, Shown And Designated As Tax Map No. 00075-01-121, To Align Curb Cuts And To Provide Access To A Sewer Main, In Exchange For Property Owned By Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shown And Designated As A Portion Of Tax Map No. 00100-01-022, And To Authorize The County Administrator To Execute All Associated Documents. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **UPGRADE OF E-911 COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve Authorization To Contract For E-911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System And National Crime Information Center Upgrades In Order To Maintain The Existing System With The Current Software Provider Interact Systems, Inc. Utilizing \$216,214.92 Budgeted In E-911 System Fund 48. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

### **GRANT AWARD SCDHEC EMS 2009 GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Accept The SCDHEC EMS Grant-In-Aid 2009 Allocation From The South Carolina Department Of Health And Environmental Control In The Amount Of \$29,604.34 For Equipment And/Or Training. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **AWARD BID #07-08/09**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept The Bid Of The Lowest Responsive Bidder, L A Cargo Trailers, For The Purchase Of An Enclosed Utility Trailer For Florence County Emergency Management In The Amount Of \$17,264.88; And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute All Associated Documents To Proceed. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Allow For Donation Of Two (2) Defibrillators Previously Declared Surplus Property By County Council To The Pamplico Rescue And Ambulance Service, Inc. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **GRANT AWARD SC DOT**

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Accept The Allocation From The South Carolina Department Of Transportation (SC DOT) Under The "C" Funds Program, PCN#38100, In The Amount Of \$20,000 For The Paving Of The Parking Ramp For Fire Trucks And Extension Of The Driveway At The Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire Station. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

### **CONTRACT AWARD – CIRCLE PARK**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Authorize The Receipt Of Funds From Circle Park In The Amount Of \$13,245 For Services To Be Rendered By The Sheriff's Office As A Participant In The 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Alcohol Enforcement Team, And Authorize The County Administrator To Amend The FY09 Budget Appropriations And Execute All Associated Documents. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE POYNER ADULT/COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Accept The Recommendation Of The Sheriff's Office And Enter Into The Memorandum Of Agreement With Florence School District One (Poyner) Adult Community Education To Provide Education Services At The Florence County Detention Center And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute All Related Documents. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford commended the Sheriff and the school district for putting this very much needed program in place.

### **GRANT APPLICATION FM GLOBAL FIRE PREVENTION GRANT**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Authorize The Submission Of A Fire Prevention Grant Application To FM Global In The Amount Of \$13,263 For The Purchase Of Arson Investigative Equipment For The Florence County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:**

#### **DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$183.60 For Two (2) Tons Of Asphalt To Patch Potholes In The Parking Lot At The Disabilities And Special Needs Facilities At 215 And 219 N. Church Street In The East Side Plaza In Lake City. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Redirection Of The \$3,334 Balance Of The June 21, 2007 Council Approval Of \$10,000 (\$5,000 Each From Council Districts 7 And 3 Infrastructure Allocations Originally; \$1,667 Each Now Remaining) For Three Computers For The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership Weed And Seed Safe Haven. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **AMERICAN LEGION STADIUM**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council Districts 6 And 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations In An Amount Up To \$1,500 (\$750 From Each District) For The Purchase Of Mortar Sand To Be Used At American Legion Stadium. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF) FUND**

#### **ANTIQUE CIRCLE**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 6 RSMF funding allocation in an amount up to \$15,059.48 for MBC stone and crushed asphalt for Antique Circle. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **MCDUGAL ROAD**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 1 RSMF Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$5,887.50 For Crushed Asphalt For McDougal Road. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:18 P.M.**